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This report provides eligibility and benefit determination information for 54 of the larger needs-based Federal benefit programs. Needs-based programs are defined as those which provide cash and in-kind benefits to low income, needy, and/or distressed individuals who do not financially contribute to the programs. The report is divided into three main sections which contain, respectively: (1) a list of 95 needs-based programs active in fiscal year 1983; (2) tables showing the eligibility and benefit factors for 54 of the larger programs; and (3) descriptions of these 54 programs. Each of the 54 program descriptions provides a general overview of a program and its purpose, eligibility requirements, and benefits. Other pertinent information is also cited, including the responsible Federal agency, the legal authority for the program, the governing Federal regulations, program administration, and the percentage of Federal funding. For comparative purposes, the 54 programs are grouped into six classifications: cash assistance; education; food; housing; medical; and service. (KH)

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As requested by your offices in November 1985, we are doing work to identify issues related to the concept and demonstration of integrating human services programs--often called "one-stop shopping." As part of that effort we agreed to provide eligibility and benefit determination information for 54 of the larger needs-based federal benefit programs which would be useful in understanding their complexity.

Needs-based programs provide cash and in-kind benefits to low-income, needy, and/or distressed individuals who do not financially contribute to the programs. This fact sheet includes (1) a list of 95 needs-based programs active in fiscal year 1983, (2) tables showing the eligibility and benefit factors for 54 of the larger programs, and (3) a description of the 54 programs. For comparative purposes, we grouped the 54 programs into the following six classifications.

Classification	Number
Cash assistance	14
Education	8
Food	9
Housing	13
Medical	5
Service	5
Total	54

We identified the eligibility and benefit factors involved in qualifying for and receiving benefits from the 54 programs by reviewing applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations. We also discussed our work with case workers and program managers in six states and nine federal agencies to ensure that we correctly identified the various factors for determining eligibility and benefit amounts. Finally, we interviewed caseworkers to obtain information on how they determined individual eligibility for the programs.

Because we verified our data on eligibility and benefit factors with agency officials during an earlier review, we did not obtain formal agency comments on the information presented in this fact sheet. As agreed with your offices, unless you publicly announce its contents earlier, we plan no further distribution of this fact sheet until 10 days after its issue date. At that time, we will send copies to other interested parties and make copies available to others who request them. Further information on document can be obtained by calling me at 275-6193.

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ABBREVIATIONS

CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
CFDA	Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance

INVENTORY OF NEEDS-BASED

FEDERAL BENEFIT PROGRAMS

We identified 95 needs-based federal programs that collectively comprised the public "welfare" system in fiscal year 1983. We researched the eligibility and benefit factors for 54 of the larger programs. Needs-based programs provide cash and in-kind benefits to low-income, needy, and/or distressed individuals who do not financially contribute to the programs. If the individual can show sufficient "need," he or she may be eligible for a number of different programs and benefits.

The next few pages contain an inventory of 95 needs-based programs. For each of the 54 needs-based programs identified by number (1 through 54), specific information is provided beginning on page 22. Programs identified by an asterisk (*) are not mentioned again in this fact sheet because the total federal funds used for them was relatively insignificant compared to the 54 larger programs.

NEEDS-BASED FEDERAL BENEFIT PROGRAMS

CASH PROGRAMS	(1)	Aid To Families With Dependent Children - Adoption Assistance
	(2)	- Family Group
	(3)	- Foster Care
	(4)	- Unemployed Parent
	(5)	Dependency And Indemnity Compensation For Parents Of Veterans
	(6)	Earned Income Tax Credit
	(7)	Emergency Assistance To Needy Families With Children
	(8)	General Assistance To Indians
	(9)	Pensions For Needy Veterans, Their Dependents, And Survivors
	(10)	Refugee And Entrant Assistance - State Administered Programs
	(11)	Supplemental Security Income - For The Aged
	(12)	- For The Blind
	(13)	- For The Disabled
	(14)	Weatherization Assistance
		TOTAL: 14 programs
EDUCATION PROGRAMS	(*)	Bilingual Education
	(*)	Bilingual Vocational Training
	(*)	Centers For Independent Living
	(*)	Chapter One Migrant Education
	(*)	College Assistance Migrant Programs
	(15)	College Work Study
	(*)	Education Of Handicapped Children In State Schools
	(16)	Guaranteed Student Loan
	(*)	Handicapped Preschool And School Programs
	(17)	Headstart
	(*)	Health Careers Opportunity
	(*)	Health Professions Preparatory Scholarship Programs For Indians
	(*)	Indian Education - Assistance To Schools
	(*)	Indian Education - Higher Education Grants
	(*)	Migrant High School Equivalency Program
	(18)	National Direct Student Loan
	(19)	Pell Grant
	(*)	Programs For Students From Disadvantaged Backgrounds
	(*)	Rehabilitation Services - Basic Support
	(*)	Rehabilitation Services - Service Projects
	(20)	State Student Incentive Grant
	(21)	Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant
	(22)	Vocational Education Work-Study
		TOTAL: 23 programs

FOOD PROGRAMS	(23) Child Care Food (*) Commodity Supplemental Food (*) Emergency Loans For Farmers (24) Food Distribution (Food Donation Program) (*) Food Distribution Program Commodities On Indian Reservations (25) Food Stamp (26) National School Lunch (*) Nutrition Assistance For Puerto Rico (27) Nutrition For The Elderly (28) School Breakfast (29) Special Milk (30) Special Supplemental Food Program For Women, Infants, And Children (31) Summer Food Service Program For Children TOTAL: 13 programs
HOUSING PROGRAMS	(*) Congregate Housing Services (32) Farm Labor Housing Loans And Grants (*) Housing For Elderly Or Handicapped (33) Indian Housing Assistance (34) Interest Reduction Payments (35) Lower Income Housing Assistance (Section 8) (36) Low Income Housing - Home Ownership Assistance (37) Low Rent Public Housing (*) Mortgage Insurance - Homes For Low And Moderate Income Families (*) Mortgage Insurance - Rental And Cooperative Housing - Market Rate (*) Mortgage Insurance - Rental Housing For Moderate Income Families (*) Mortgage Insurance - Special Credit Risks (*) Nonprofit Sponsor Assistance (*) Operating Assistance For Troubled Multifamily Housing Projects (*) Rehabilitation Loans (Section 312) (38) Rent Supplements (39) Rural Housing Loans (40) Rural Housing Repair Loans And Grants (41) Rural Housing Self-Help Technical Assistance (42) Rural Housing Site Loans (43) Rural Rental Assistance Payments (44) Rural Rental Housing Loans TOTAL: 22 programs
MEDICAL PROGRAMS	(45) Community Health Centers (46) Indian Health Services - General (47) Medicaid (48) Medical Assistance To Refugees (49) Migrant Health Centers Grants TOTAL: 5 programs

SERVICE PROGRAMS	(*) Administration For Children, Youth And Families - Runaway Youth (*) Child Abuse And Neglect Prevention And Treatment (*) Child Welfare Services - State Grants (50) Indian Child Welfare - Title II Grants (*) Indian Employment Assistance (51) Indian Social Services - Child Welfare Assistance (52) Legal Services (53) Social Services For Refugees (*) Special Programs For The Aging - Grants For Supportive Services And Senior Centers (54) Special Programs For The Aging - Grants To Indian Tribes TOTAL: 10 programs
JOBS AND EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS	(*) Employment Service (*) Employment And Training Assistance - Dislocated Workers (*) Job Corps (*) Migrant And Seasonal Farm Worker (*) Senior Community Service Employment (*) Special National Level Programs (*) Summer Youth Employment (*) Trade Adjustment Assistance - Workers TOTAL: 8 programs

ELIGIBILITY AND BENEFIT FACTORS FOR 54 FEDERAL BENEFIT PROGRAMS

For 54 of the 95 needs-based programs, we reviewed federal, state, and local laws and regulations and interviewed caseworkers and other officials involved with eligibility determinations in six states and nine federal agencies. From these sources, we identified 27 factors used to determine who is eligible for the programs and the benefits the clients should receive. The factors are defined differently among programs. For example, "earned income" is defined differently for the Aid to Families With Dependent Children program than for the Food Stamp program. For additional information on program eligibility and benefit factors, see the Congressional Research Service's Report No. 85-194EPW, updated September 30, 1985.

We reviewed programs active in fiscal year 1983; therefore, our data represent that time period. We did not update the data because of the requesting Committees' immediate need for the information.

For comparative purposes, we grouped the 54 programs into the following six classifications.

Classification	Number
Cash assistance	14
Education	8
Food	9
Housing	13
Medical	5
Service	5
Total	54

The code numbers used in the tables for the various eligibility and benefit factors indicate the following:

1	Used for determining eligibility only.
2	Used for determining benefits only.
3	Used for determining both eligibility and benefits.

Table 1: Cash Assistance Programs

Program	Eligibility and benefit factors												
	Name	SSN	Date of birth/age	Citizenship	Alien status	Refugee	Veteran data	Marital data	Parenthood	Disability	Blind	Dependents	Household composition
Aid to Families With Dependent Children:													
Adoption Assistance	1	1	3	1	1	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	3
Family Group	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	3
Foster Care	1	1	3	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	3
Unemployed Parent	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	3
Dependency and Indemnity Compensation for Parents of Veterans	1	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	2	2	-	2
Earned Income Tax Credit	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1
Emergency Assistance to Needy Families With Children	1	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	2
General Assistance to Indians	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	-
Pensions for Needy Veterans, Their Dependents, and Survivors	1	1	1	-	-	-	1	2	1	3	-	2	3
Refugee and Entrant Assistance: State Administered Programs	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Supplemental Security Income:													
For the Aged	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	2
For the Blind	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	2	-	-	1	-	2
For the Disabled	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	2
Weatherization Assistance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-

Total: 14 programs

Eligibility and benefit factors

Education	School attendance	Residency/ location	Employment/ work data	Earned income	Unearned income	Resources	Living arrangement	Shelter expense	Utility expense	Medical expense	Work expense	Child care expense	Other expense
-	1	1	1	3	3	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	1	1	1	3	3	1	-	-	-	-	2	2	-
-	1	1	1	3	3	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	1	1	1	3	3	1	-	-	-	-	2	2	-
-	-	-	-	3	3	-	2	-	-	2	-	-	-
-	1	1	1	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	1	-	1	3	3	3	1	-	-	2	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	1	-	3	3	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	1	-	3	3	1	2	-	-	-	2	-	-
-	-	1	-	3	3	1	2	-	-	-	2	-	-
-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Table 2: Education Programs

Program	Eligibility and benefit factors												
	Name	SSN	Date of birth/age	Citizenship	Alien status	Refugee	Veteran data	Marital data	Parentage	Disability	Blind	Dependents	Household composition
College Work Study	1	1	-	1	1	1	3	3	3	-	-	3	3
Guaranteed Student Loan	1	1	-	1	1	1	3	3	3	-	-	3	3
Headstart	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
National Direct Student Loan	1	1	-	1	1	1	3	3	3	-	-	3	3
Pell Grant	1	1	-	1	1	1	3	3	3	-	-	3	3
State Student Incentive Grant	1	1	-	1	1	1	3	3	3	-	-	3	3
Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant	1	1	-	1	1	1	3	3	3	-	-	3	3
Vocational Education Work-Study	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-

Total: 8 programs

Eligibility and benefit factors

Education	School attendance	Residency/ location	Employment/ work data	Earned income	Unearned income	Resources	Living arrangement	Shelter expense	Utility expense	Medical expense	Work expense	Child care expense	Other expense
1	3	1	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
1	3	1	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
-	1	1	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
1	3	1	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
1	3	1	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
1	3	1	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
1	3	1	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
1	1	1	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

Table 3: Food Programs

Program	Eligibility and benefit factors												
	Name	SSN	Date of birth/age	Citizenship	Alien status	Refugee	Veteran data	Marital data	Parentage	Disability	Blind	Dependents	Household composition
Child Care Food	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	3
Food Distribution (Food Donation Program)	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	3
Food Stamp	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	2
National School Lunch	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Nutrition for the Elderly	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
School Breakfast	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Special Milk	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants, and Children	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Summer Food Service Program for Children	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3

Total: 9 programs

Eligibility and benefit factors													
Education	School attendance	Residency/ location	Employment/ work data	Earned income	Unearned income	Resources	Living arrangement	Shelter expense	Utility expense	Medical expense	Work expense	Child care expense	Other expense
-	-	-	-	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	1	-	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	-
-	1	-	-	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	1	-	-	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	1	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Table 4: Housing Programs

Program	Eligibility and benefit factors												
	Name	SSN	Date of birth/age	Citizenship	Alien status	Refugee	Veteran data	Marital data	Parentage	Disability	Blind	Dependents	Household composition
Farm Labor Housing Loans and Grants	1	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-
Indian Housing Assistance	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Interest Reduction Payments	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	2
Lower Income Housing Assistance (Section 8)	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	2
Low Income Housing-Home Ownership Assistance	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	1
Low Rent Public Housing	1	-	3	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	2
Rent Supplements	1	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	3	3	1	2
Rural Housing Loans	1	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
Rural Housing Repair Loans and Grants	1	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
Rural Housing Self-Help Technical Assistance	1	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
Rural Housing Site Loans	1	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	1
Rural Rental Assistance Payments	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-
Rural Rental Housing Loans	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-

Total: 13 programs

Eligibility and benefit factors													
Education	School attendance	Residency/ location	Employment/ work data	Earned income	Unearned income	Resources	Living arrangement	Shelter expense	Utility expense	Medical expense	Work expense	Child care expense	Other expense
-	-	1	1	3	3	1	1	-	-	3	3	3	-
-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	2	-	-	3	3	1	1	-	-	3	-	3	-
-	2	-	-	3	3	1	1	-	-	3	-	3	-
-	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	2	-	-	3	3	1	1	-	-	3	3	3	-
-	2	-	-	3	3	1	1	-	-	3	-	3	-
-	-	1	-	3	3	2	1	2	-	-	3	3	3
-	-	1	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
-	-	1	-	3	3	2	1	2	-	-	3	3	3
-	-	1	1	3	3	2	1	2	-	-	3	3	3
-	-	1	-	3	3	1	1	-	-	-	3	3	-
-	-	1	-	3	3	1	1	-	-	-	3	3	-

Table 5: Medical Programs

Program	Eligibility and benefit factors												
	Name	SSN	Date of birth/age	Citizenship	Alien status	Refugee	Veteran data	Marital data	Parentage	Disability	Blind	Dependents	Household composition
Community Health Centers	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Indian Health Services-General[a],[b]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Medicaid	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	1
Medical Assistance to Refugees[b]	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Migrant Health Centers Grants[a],[b]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Total: 5 programs

[a]Only eligibility factor is that the person be an Indian or a migrant.

[b]Although the regulations do not require a name for eligibility purposes, a name is required for identification purposes. Accordingly, we have not shown a "1" under the "Name" factor.

Eligibility and benefit factors													
Education	School attendance	Residency/ location	Employment/ work data	Earned income	Unearned income	Resources	Living arrangement	Shelter expense	Utility expense	Medical expense	Work expense	Child care expense	Other expense
-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Table 6: Service Programs

Program	Eligibility and benefit factors												
	Name	SSN	Date of birth/age	Citizenship	Alien status	Refugee	Veteran data	Marital data	Parentage	Disability	Blind	Dependents	Household composition
Indian Child Welfare-Title II Grants	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Indian Social Services-Child Welfare Assistance	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Legal Services	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Social Services for Refugees	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Special Programs for the Aging-Grants to Indian Tribes[a],[b]	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Total: 5 programs

[a]Only eligibility factor is that the person be an Indian or a migrant.

[b]Although the regulations do not require a name for eligibility purposes, a name is required for identification purposes. Accordingly, we have not shown a "1" under the "Name" factor.

Eligibility and benefit factors													
Education	School attendance	Residency/ location	Employment/ work data	Earned income	Unearned income	Resources	Living arrangement	Shelter expense	Utility expense	Medical expense	Work expense	Child care expense	Other expense
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	1	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	1	1	1	1
-	-	1	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

On the following pages, we have provided program descriptions for the 54 programs. We have formated the descriptions so as to provide a quick and easy understanding of the various programs. Each description is broken into three narrative sections. The first section addresses the program purpose and provides a general overview of each program; the second addresses eligibility requirements; and the third, program benefits. Other pertinent information is also cited, including the responsible federal agency, the legal authority for the program, the governing federal regulations, program administration, and the percentage of federal funding. "Program administration" refers to the level of government or the organization level responsible for day-to-day program administration. When "state" is shown for program administration, this means a state, county, and/or local government is involved in administering the program.

In the program "benefits" section, with certain exceptions, we used fiscal year 1983 benefits because our inventory includes only programs active through that year. However, for 11 programs listed in this section, it was more appropriate to use other periods between 1982 and 1984, and we have so noted this.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

A number of sources were used in compiling our program descriptions. The first major source was the 1983 and 1984 editions of the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance. Another source was the Congressional Research Service report entitled Cash and Non-Cash Benefits for Persons With Limited Income: Eligibility Rules, Recipient and Expenditure Data, FY 1981-83. Other sources were program laws and regulations and interviews with program officials.

ABBREVIATIONS

We attempted to avoid abbreviations; however, in two cases we found it necessary. When addressing program regulations and descriptions, CFR refers to Code of Federal Regulations and CFDA refers to the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance.

NEEDS-BASED CASH PROGRAMS

(1) AID TO FAMILIES WITH DEPENDENT CHILDREN - ADOPTION ASSISTANCE

Federal Agency: Department of Health and Human Services
Authorization: Adoption Assistance and Child Welfare Act, 1980
Regulations: 45 CFR 1355-1357

Program Administration: State
Federal Funding: 50% - 77%
CFDA Number: 13.659

Program Purpose	Who Is Eligible To Apply	Benefits
To provide Federal Financial Participation funds to states for subsidizing the maintenance costs of children who are adopted but have special needs.	To be eligible, a child must also be eligible for Aid to Families with Dependent Children or Supplemental Security Income. In addition, the child must have "special needs" that prevent adoption without assistance payments. "Special needs" children include those who are difficult to place because of ethnic background, age, or some type of handicap.	Formula grants are provided to states for maintenance costs. Benefits cannot exceed an amount to maintain the child in a foster home. Benefits may continue until a child is 18 or 21 and automatically eligible for Medicaid. In fiscal year 1983, this program assisted 6,000 children.

(2) AID TO FAMILIES WITH DEPENDENT CHILDREN - FAMILY GROUP

Federal Agency: Department of Health and Human Services
Authorization: Social Security Act, Title IV-A
Regulations: 45 CFR 200 et seq.

Program Administration: State
Federal Funding: 50% - 77%
CFDA Number: 13.808

Program Purpose	Who Is Eligible To Apply	Benefits
To make cash payments directly to eligible needy families with dependent children to cover costs for food, shelter, clothing, and other items of daily living recognized as necessary by each state.	Needy families with dependent children under 18 are eligible if they are deprived of parental support for the following reasons: —Fathers are absent from the home continuously, are incapacitated, dead, or unemployed, or —Mothers are incapacitated, dead, absent, or unemployed.	Benefits in the form of money or vendor payments are available. Benefit amounts vary by state. In December 1983 benefits averaged $320 per family (2.9 persons), $307 for 1-parent families, and $470 for unemployed parent families.

(3) AID TO FAMILIES WITH DEPENDENT CHILDREN - FOSTER CARE

Federal Agency: Department of Health and Human Services
Authorization: Adoption Assistance and Child Welfare Act, 1980
Regulations: 45 CFR 233

Program Administration: State
Federal Funding: 50% - 77%
CFDA Number: 13.658

Program Purpose	Who Is Eligible To Apply	Benefits
To provide assistance on behalf of eligible children needing care away from their families (foster care) who are in the care and placement of a state agency administering the program. Furthermore, this program provides financial assistance for administrative and training costs.	Eligible children are those who are (or would be): (1) eligible under Aid to Families with Dependent Children, (2) found to need foster care, and (3) in the placement and care of an administering state agency or another public agency under agreement with the state agency.	Federal assistance to states for payments on behalf of eligible children needing foster care while in the placement of the state. Foster care children are also eligible for Medicaid. The average financial assistance to states in fiscal year 1983 was $6.8 million. The payments were made on behalf of an average of 15,000 children per month.

(4) AID TO FAMILIES WITH DEPENDENT CHILDREN - UNEMPLOYED PARENT

Federal Agency: Department of Health and Human Services
Authorization: Social Security Act, Title IV-A
Regulations: 45 CFR 200 et seq.

Program Administration: State
Federal Funding: 50% - 77%
CFDA Number: 13.808

Program Purpose	Who Is Eligible To Apply	Benefits
To make cash payments directly to eligible needy families with dependent children to cover costs for food, shelter, clothing, and other items of daily living recognized as necessary by each state.	Needy two-parent families with dependent children under 18 are eligible if the children are deprived of parental support because the principal wage earning parent is unemployed.	Benefits in the form of cash or vendor payments are available. Benefit amounts vary by state. In December 1983 benefits averaged $470 for unemployed parent families.

(5) DEPENDENCY AND INDEMNITY COMPENSATION FOR PARENTS OF VETERANS

Federal Agency: Veterans Administration
Authorization: Veterans' and Survivors Pension Improvement Act, 1978
Regulations: 38 CFR 3 et seq.

Program Administration: Federal
Federal Funding: 100%
CFDA Number: 64.110

Program Purpose	Who Is Eligible To Apply	Benefits
To compensate surviving parents for the death of any veteran who died on or after January 1, 1957, because of a service-related disability.	Parents of veterans who died on or after January 1, 1957, from a service-connected cause are eligible if their counted income is below the limits established in federal law and regulations.	Monthly cash payments are available for certain parents of veterans ranging from $5 to $257 depending on income and marital status. An additional $135 is payable if the parent is in need of aid and attendance. In fiscal year 1983, monthly benefits averaged $96 per parent.

(6) EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT

Federal Agency: Department of the Treasury
Authorization: Revenue Act, 1978
Regulations: 26 CFR 1.43

Program Administration: Federal
Federal Funding: 100%
CFDA Number: Not listed

Program Purpose	Who Is Eligible To Apply	Benefits
The Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) is intended to give a cash income supplement to working parents with relatively low earnings. The EITC is a refundable credit. Thus, for tax filers whose income is too low to owe income taxes, or whose tax liability is smaller than their credit, the Internal Revenue Service makes a direct payment of the credit.	An individual or married couple may be eligible if they have earned income and their income is less than $10,000. The individual must be either a "Head of Household," a surviving spouse, or married and entitled to a dependency deduction. The size of the credit is unrelated to the number of dependents of a worker.	Eligible individuals may receive a credit on their federal income tax return. The credit equals 10 percent of the first $5,000 of earnings and may not exceed $500 per family. The credit is reduced by 12.5 cents for each dollar of adjusted gross income above $6,000. The credit is zero when adjusted gross income reaches $10,000.

(7) EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TO NEEDY FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

Federal Agency: Department of Health and Human Services
Authorization: Social Security Act, Title IV
Regulations: 45 CFR 200 et seq.

Program Administration: State
Federal Funding: 50%
CFDA Number: 13.808

Program Purpose	Who Is Eligible To Apply	Benefits
To provide payments to assist needy families in emergency or crisis situations to avoid destitution by providing living arrangements. Needy families may receive emergency assistance for no more than 30 days per calendar year to "avoid destitution" of the children or to provide living arrangements for them.	Needy families with dependent children deprived of parental support or care and/or families with children needing emergency welfare assistance. Also eligible are the aged, blind, or permanently totally disabled persons in Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.	Monthly benefits in the form of money or vendor payments are available to help eligible individuals. In fiscal year 1983, 25 states participated in this program and the average monthly benefit was $312.

(8) GENERAL ASSISTANCE TO INDIANS

Federal Agency: Department of the Interior
Authorization: Snyder Act, 1921
Regulations: 25 CFR 20

Program Administration: Other
Federal Funding: 100%
CFDA Number: 15.113

Program Purpose	Who Is Eligible To Apply	Benefits
To provide assistance to needy Indians on or near reservations. This includes those Indians living in jurisdictions under the Bureau of Indian Affairs (when such assistance in not available from state or local public agencies) in Alaska and Oklahoma.	Eligible individuals include Indians and Alaskan natives who must be deemed "needy" by state standards and they cannot be enrolled in the other federally aided cash welfare programs. Moreover, each recipient must accept available employment that they are able and qualified to perform.	The program provides cash payments to eligible individuals and families to meet daily living needs (i.e., food, clothing, shelter, etc.). Fiscal year 1983, payments averaged $74 monthly per recipient.

(9) PENSIONS FOR NEEDY VETERANS, THEIR DEPENDENTS, AND SURVIVORS

Federal Agency: Veterans Administration
Authorization: Veterans and Survivors Pension Act
Regulations: 38 CFR 3.3

Program Administration: Federal
Federal Funding: 100%
CFDA Number: 64.104

Program Purpose	Who Is Eligible To Apply	Benefits
To assist wartime veterans in need whose non-service-connected disabilities are permanent and total, preventing them from following a substantially gainful occupation.	Those veterans who have had 90 days or more of honorable active wartime service in the armed forces (if less than 90 days—discharged because of a service-connected disability) who are permanently and totally disabled for reasons not necessarily due to service, or who are 65 years or older and not employed. Income and estate restrictions do not allow pension payments to some.	Eligible individuals receive monthly cash payments. In fiscal year 1983, monthly pensions averaged $263 per case to veterans and $125 per case to veterans' survivors.

(10) REFUGEE AND ENTRANT ASSISTANCE—STATE ADMINISTERED PROGRAMS

Federal Agency: Department of Health and Human Services
Authorization: Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended
Regulations: 45 CFR 400-401
Program Administration: State
Federal Funding: 100%
CFDA Number: 13.814

Program Purpose	Who Is Eligible To Apply	Benefits
To help refugees, including Cuban and Haitian entrants, resettle throughout the country by funding, through designated state agencies, maintenance and medical assistance, social services, and targeted assistance for needy refugees and Cuban and Haitian entrants. This program assists refugees in the United States regardless of national origin.	Assistance is limited to refugees, including Cuban and Haitian entrants, as defined in the authorizing Act, supplemented by appropriate documentation from the Immigration and Naturalization Service in possession of the refugee. Furthermore, the refugee must be needy by state standards or by those of the Federal Supplemental Security Income program. Federal policy governs other eligibility factors.	The range of assistance in fiscal year 1983 was between $134,000 and $236 million. Funding was used for maintenance and medical assistance and social services for eligible refugees.

(11) SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME - FOR THE AGED

Federal Agency: Department of Health and Human Services
Authorization: Social Security Act, Title XVI
Regulations: 20 CFR 401, 416, 422
Program Administration: Federal/State
Federal Funding: 46% - 100%
CFDA Number: 13.807

Program Purpose	Who Is Eligible To Apply	Benefits
To insure a federal minimum income standard for the aged. This is achieved by paying a supplement from general revenues when benefits plus other income are below the federal minimum income standard or when the individual has no other income.	An applicant is eligible if he/she has attained age 65 and is determined, after an assessment of monthly income and resources, to have need. For basic federal benefits, quarterly income limits in 1984 were $942 per individual and $1,416 per couple.	Eligible individuals receive monthly cash payments to help supplement their income. In January 1984, benefits averaged $162 to aged recipients.

(12) SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME - FOR THE BLIND

Federal Agency: Department of Health and Human Services
Authorization: Social Security Act, Title XVI
Regulations: 20 CFR 401, 416, 422

Program Administration: Federal/State
Federal Funding: 46% - 100%
CFDA Number: 13.807

Program Purpose	Who Is Eligible To Apply	Benefits
To insure a federal minimum income standard for the blind. This is achieved by paying a supplement from general revenues when benefits plus other income are below the federal minimum income standard or when the individual has no other income.	In this program the blind are individuals with 20/200 vision or less with the use of a correcting lens in the person's better eye, or those with tunnel vision of 20 degrees or less. In addition, a person must be determined to have need.	Eligible blind individuals receive monthly cash payments to help supplement their income. In January 1984, benefits averaged $264 to blind recipients.

(13) SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME - FOR THE DISABLED

Federal Agency: Department of Health and Human Services
Authorization: Social Security Act, Title XVI
Regulations: 20 CFR 401, 416, 422

Program Administration: Federal/State
Federal Funding: 46% - 100%
CFDA Number: 13.807

Program Purpose	Who Is Eligible To Apply	Benefits
To insure a federal minimum income standard for the disabled. This is achieved by paying a supplement from general revenues when benefits plus other income are below the federal minimum income standard or when the individual has no other income.	An applicant is eligible if he/she is disabled and has been determined to have need after an assessment of income and resources. Disabled individuals are those unable to engage in any substantial gainful activity. This occurs by reason of a medically determined physical or mental impairment which is expected to result in death or that has lasted or can be expected to last for a continuous period of at least 12 months.	Eligible disabled individuals receive monthly cash payments to help supplement their income. In January 1984, benefits averaged $253 to disabled individuals.

(14) WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE

Federal Agency: Department of Energy
Authorization: Energy Consumption and Production Act, Title IV-A
Regulations: 10 CFR 440

Program Administration: Federal
Federal Funding: 100%
CFDA Number: 81.042

Program Purpose	Who Is Eligible To Apply	Benefits
To insulate the dwellings of low income persons, particularly the low income handicapped and elderly, in order to conserve energy and aid those least able to afford higher utility costs.	All low income households are eligible. Low income households are those whose combined income is less than 125 percent of the poverty level, as determined by the Office of Management and Budget, and families with a member who received cash welfare payments during the previous 12 months.	Program funds are used to buy and deliver weatherization materials. In addition, funds are used to provide program support and pay labor costs. The Department of Energy regulations allow a maximum of $1,000 per dwelling unit (up to $1,600 in areas with a serious labor shortage).

NEEDS-BASED EDUCATION PROGRAMS

(15) COLLEGE WORK-STUDY

Federal Agency: Department of Education
Authorization: Higher Education Act, 1965
Regulations: 34 CFR 675

Program Administration: State
Federal Funding: Up to 80%
CFDA Number: 84.033

Program Purpose	Who Is Eligible To Apply	Benefits
To provide part-time employment to students attending institutions of higher education who need earnings to help meet their college costs.	Eligible are undergraduate, graduate, or professional students who: (1) need financial assistance, (2) maintain satisfactory progress in accordance with the standards and practices of the institution, (3) are enrolled or accepted for enrollment as a regular student, (4) attend school at least half-time, (5) do not owe a refund on a Title IV grant and, (6) meet citizen/resident requirements.	Federally subsidized wages are available to eligible students. By regulations, jobs must pay at least the applicable federal minimum wage with an average of 20 hours of work per week. Students earned an average of $700 under this program during the 1982-83 school year.

(16) GUARANTEED STUDENT LOAN

Federal Agency: Department of Education
Authorization: Higher Education Act, 1965, Title IV-B
Regulations: 34 CFR 682, 683

Program Administration: State
Federal Funding: Up to 100%
CFDA Number: 84.032

Program Purpose	Who Is Eligible To Apply	Benefits
To authorize low-interest deferred loans for educational expenses of vocational, undergraduate and graduate students enrolled in eligible institutions.	Eligibility varies from state to state. Generally, any U.S. citizen (or person residing in the U.S. for other than temporary purposes) who is enrolled or accepted at an eligible institution may be eligible. Once a student is enrolled at the institution, he/she must make satisfactory progress. The student may not owe a refund on any Title IV grant or be in default on any Title IV aid. If adjusted gross income is $30,000 or more the student must undergo a "need test."	Loans may be obtained in amounts up to $2,500 a year for undergraduates (the aggregate not to exceed $12,500) and $5,000 a year for graduate and professional students (not to exceed an aggregate of $25,000). The federal government pays the interest on the subsidized low-interest loan while the borrowers are in school.

(17) HEADSTART

Federal Agency: Department of Health and Human Services
Authorization: Economic Opportunity Act, 1964, Title V
Regulations: 45 CFR 1301-1305

Program Administration: State
Federal Funding: 80%
CFDA Number: 13.600

Program Purpose	Who Is Eligible To Apply	Benefits
To provide comprehensive health, educational, nutritional, social and other services primarily to economically disadvantaged pre-school children and their families. This program involves parents in activities with their children so that the child will attain overall social confidence.	Full year Headstart programs are primarily for young children (ages 3 to that age when a child enters the school system). On some occasions, younger children may be eligible. Summer Headstart programs are for children who will be attending kindergarten or elementary school in the fall for the first time. This program requires that at least 10 percent of total enrollments in each state be available for handicapped children.	This preschool program offers educational, dental, medical, nutritional, and social services to children and their families. Grants ranged from $75,000 to $23 million in fiscal year 1983 to administering state agencies and served nearly 395,000 children.

(18) NATIONAL DIRECT STUDENT LOAN

Federal Agency: Department of Education
Authorization: Higher Education Act, 1965, Title IV-E
Regulations: 34 CFR 674

Program Administration: State
Federal Funding: 90%
CFDA Number: 84.038

Program Purpose	Who Is Eligible To Apply	Benefits
To establish loan funds at eligible higher education institutions to permit needy undergraduate and graduate students to complete their education.	Undergraduate students who are accepted for admission or enrolled as regular students will be eligible if the student: (1) can demonstrate financial need, (2) does not owe a refund on or is not in default on a Title IV loan, (3) enrolled in school at least on a half-time basis, (4) meets citizen/resident requirements, and (5) maintains satisfactory progress in accordance with the standards and practices of the institution he or she attends.	Interest loans, currently at 5 percent, are available to eligible individuals. Loans are to be repaid over a 10-year period beginning 6 months after the end of study. In addition, all or a portion of the loans may be canceled for those who enter specific teaching jobs or military service. During the 1983-84 school year loans averaged $800.

(19) PELL GRANT

Federal Agency: Department of Education
Authorization: Higher Education Act, 1965, Title IV-A
Regulations: 34 CFR 690

Program Administration: State
Federal Funding: 100%
CFDA Number: 84.063

Program Purpose	Who Is Eligible To Apply	Benefits
To provide financial assistance for educational costs to undergraduate students attending an eligible post-secondary institution who demonstrate financial need. The Pell grant, together with family contributions, provides the foundation of student assistance upon which all other financial aid builds.	Any undergraduate student who attends an eligible school may apply if he/she is a U.S. citizen (or an eligible non-citizen), is enrolled at least half-time in school, registered for the draft (males at least 18 years old) can demonstrate sufficient financial need, and does not owe on a Pell refund or has not defaulted on a student loan. In addition, recipients must maintain satisfactory progress throughout the year to remain eligible.	Grants are available which range from $200 to $1,800 per school year. During the 1982-83 school year, students received grants averaging $980.

(20) STATE STUDENT INCENTIVE GRANT

Federal Agency: Department of Education
Authorization: Higher Education Act, 1965, Title IV-A
Regulations: 34 CFR 692

Program Administration: State
Federal Funding: 50%
CFDA Number: 84.069

Program Purpose	Who Is Eligible To Apply	Benefits
To make incentive grants to states to develop and expand assistance to students with substantial financial need who are in attendance at institutions of postsecondary education.	To be eligible a student: (1) must be a U.S. citizen, (2) enrolled or accepted at an institution of higher learning, (3) have substantial (4) maintain satisfactory progress according to the standards and practices of the institution attended, (5) not owe a refund on a grant or be in default on a student loan. Once the student receives the grant, he or she must certify that the money will be used solely for costs related to attending school.	Grants up to $2,000 for full time students are available to students through state student scholarship or grant assistance agencies. Grants to states averaged $825,000 in fiscal year 1983.

(21) SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY GRANT

Federal Agency: Department of Education
Authorization: Higher Education Act, 1965, Title IV-A
Regulations: 34 CFR 676

Program Administration: State
Federal Funding: 100%
CFDA Number: 84.007

Program Purpose	Who Is Eligible To Apply	Benefits
To enable students with financial need to pursue higher education by providing grant assistance for educational expenses.	Any undergraduate student who attends an eligible school may be an eligible if he/she: (1) is a U.S. citizen (or an eligible citizen), (2) is enrolled at least half-time in school, (3) is registered for the draft (if applicable), (4) can show sufficient financial need, (5) does not owe a Pell grant refund or has not defaulted on a student loan, and (6) maintains satisfactory progress throughout the year.	Grants are available to students ranging from $200 to $2,000 per school year. Grants averaged $525 under this program during the 1983-84 school year.

(22) VOCATIONAL EDUCATION WORK-STUDY

Federal Agency: Department of Education
Authorization: Vocational Education Act, 1963
Regulations: 34 CFR 400.521-523

Program Administration: State
Federal Funding: 50%
CFDA Number: Not listed

Program Purpose	Who Is Eligible To Apply	Benefits
To make federal funds available to states to be used as grants to local educational agencies for work-study programs. Funds are to be distributed among local educational agencies according to economic, social, and demographic factors relating to the need for vocational education among the various populations and areas of the state.	Any student who: (1) has been accepted for enrollment or is enrolled as a full-time student in a vocational education program, (2) needs the earnings from employment to continue in his/her program, (3) falls between the ages of 15 and 21, and (4) at the time of application, is in good standing and is capable of remaining so while working, is eligible to work up to 20 hours per week in the Work-Study Program.	Federally subsidized work-study grants are available to students. In this way a student may earn money to pay for school. No student employed under this program will be compensated at a rate that exceeds the hourly rate prevailing in the area for persons performing similar duties.

(23) CHILD CARE FOOD

Federal Agency: Department of Agriculture
Authorization: National School Lunch Act
Regulations: 7 CFR 226

Program Administration: State
Federal Funding: 100%
CFDA Number: 10.558

Program Purpose	Who Is Eligible To Apply	Benefits
To initiate, maintain, and expand nonprofit food service programs for children in public and private nonprofit nonresidential institutions which provide child care. Moreover, this program enables child-care institutions to integrate a nutritious food service with child care services for enrolled children.	All children attending participating child-care centers and outside school-hour care centers may be eligible provided income and family-size requirements are met. Eligibility is determined by each state agency.	Free or reduced-price meals are served to children in participating child-care institutions. In addition, the federal government provides donated commodities for lunches and suppers served through family or group day care homes.

(24) FOOD DISTRIBUTION (FOOD DONATION PROGRAM)

Federal Agency: Department of Agriculture
Authorization: Food and Agriculture Act, 1965
Regulations: 7 CFR 250, 253, 254

Program Administration: State
Federal Funding: 100%
CFDA Number: 10.550

Program Purpose

To provide for the cost of donated price-support and surplus foods (commodities). These foods are distributed to low-income individuals and families in eligible localities to improve the diets of school and pre-school children, the elderly, and needy persons, and to increase the market for domestically produced foods acquired under surplus removal or price support operations.

Who Is Eligible To Apply

Recipients must be needy as determined by locally set standards that usually correspond to cash welfare or food stamp eligibility rules. Recipients must also live in areas that offer the program. The act requires that a food distribution program be established on Indian reservations if the Indian tribal organization requests the program.

Benefits

Food is made available for distribution to needy recipients. On the average, approximately 60 to 70 pounds were distributed to individuals with an average value between $16 and $38 per person, per month in fiscal year 1983.

(25) FOOD STAMP

Federal Agency: Department of Agriculture
Authorization: Food Stamp Act, 1964
Regulations: 7 CFR 271-279

Program Administration: State
Federal Funding: 100%
CFDA Number: 10.551

Program Purpose

This program permits low-income households to obtain a more nutritious diet through normal channels of trade by increasing food purchasing power for all eligible households who apply for participation.

Who Is Eligible To Apply

Households may participate if they are found by local welfare officials to be in need of food assistance. Three major tests for eligibility exist:

- —income limits (countable monthly income below federal poverty levels),
- —asset limits (liquid assets may not exceed $1,500 or $3,000 with an elderly member),
- —work registration and job search.

Other limitations exist.

Benefits

Households receive a free coupon allotment which varies according to household size and income. The coupons may be used in participating retail stores to buy any type of food for human consumption. In fiscal year 1983, monthly benefits averaged about $43 per person compared to $39 in fiscal year 1984.

(26) NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH

Federal Agency: Department of Agriculture
Authorization: National School Lunch Act, 1946
Regulations: 7 CFR 210

Program Administration: State
Federal Funding: Varies up to 100%
CFDA Number: 10.555

Program Purpose	Who Is Eligible To Apply	Benefits
To safeguard the health and well-being of the nation's children and to encourage the domestic consumption of nutritive agricultural commodities and other foods.	All children attending schools where the lunch program is operating may participate. Lunch is served free or at a reduced price to children who are determined by local school authorities to be unable to pay the full price. Such determinations are made according to income eligibility guidelines prescribed by the Secretary and by cross-referencing family income with family size.	Lunches are served free or at a reduced price to eligible children. In fiscal year 1983, nearly 3.8 billion lunches were served.

(27) NUTRITION FOR THE ELDERLY

Federal Agency: Department of Health and Human Services
Authorization: Older Americans Act, 1965
Regulations: 45 CFR 1321

Program Administration: State
Federal Funding: Up to 85%
CFDA Number: 13.635

Program Purpose	Who Is Eligible To Apply	Benefits
To provide older Americans with low cost nutritious meals and with nutrition education and other appropriate nutrition services. Meals may be served in a congregate setting or be delivered to the home.	Persons aged 60 and over with the greatest social or economic needs are eligible. In addition, congregate meals may be provided to handicapped or disabled persons under 60, who reside in housing facilities occupied primarily by the elderly where congregate nutrition services are provided. Meals may be home delivered for eligible persons.	Funds are used to offer low cost nutritious meals and other appropriate nutrition services to elderly individuals. By the end of fiscal year 1983, over 765,000 meals were served daily.

(28) SCHOOL BREAKFAST

Federal Agency: Department of Agriculture
Authorization: Child Nutrition Act, 1966
Regulations: 7 CFR 220, 245

Program Administration: State
Federal Funding: Guaranteed subsidy
CFDA Number: 10.553

Program Purpose	Who Is Eligible To Apply	Benefits
To provide federal subsidies for each free or reduced price breakfast served to a needy child in a school or institution participating in this program.	All children attending schools where the breakfast program is operating may participate. Breakfast is served free or at a reduced price to children who are determined by local school authorities to be unable to pay the full price. Such determinations are made in accordance with income eligibility guidelines revised annually by the Secretary by cross referencing family income with family size.	Children attending schools where this program is operating may receive breakfast served at a free or reduced rate. In fiscal year 1983, 580 million breakfasts were served.

(29) SPECIAL MILK

Federal Agency: Department of Agriculture
Authorization: Child Nutrition Act, 1966
Regulations: 7 CFR 215, 245

Program Administration: State
Federal Funding: Up to 100%
CFDA Number: 10.556

Program Purpose	Who Is Eligible To Apply	Benefits
To encourage the consumption of fluid milk by high school children and those in lower grades, including children in nursery schools and child-care centers, through subsidies to eligible schools and institutions.	All children attending schools and institutions in which the Special Milk Program is in operation may participate. Children attending a school or institution that meets the poverty guidelines receive milk free of charge under the program's free segment.	Federal funds are made available to state agencies to partially or fully subsidize milk to children in participating schools and child-care institutions. In fiscal year 1983, 188 million half-pints of milk were served.

(30) SPECIAL SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD PROGRAM FOR WOMEN, INFANTS AND CHILDREN

Federal Agency: Department of Agriculture
Authorization: Child Nutrition Act, 1966
Regulations: 7 CFR 246

Program Administration: State
Federal Funding: 100%
CFDA Number: 10.557

Program Purpose	Who Is Eligible To Apply	Benefits
To provide supplemental foods and nutrition education through local agencies to eligible persons; and to improve health care during critical growth and development for pregnant, postpartum, and breastfeeding women, and for infants and young children from families with inadequate income.	Pregnant, postpartum, or breastfeeding women and infants/children up to 5 years of age are eligible provided they are determined to need special supplemental foods and also meet income requirements. Family income must meet a level set by the state agency in compliance with standards set by the Department of Agriculture.	Beneficiaries receive selected supplemental foods either in the form of food or as vouchers valid for specific items in stores. In fiscal year 1983, the national average monthly value of food provided to participants in this program was $31.50.

(31) SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN

Federal Agency: Department of Agriculture
Authorization: National School Lunch Act
Regulations: 7 CFR 225

Program Administration: State
Federal Funding: 100%
CFDA Number: 10.559

Program Purpose	Who Is Eligible To Apply	Benefits
To provide food service to children as a substitute for the National School Lunch and School Breakfast programs during periods when school is closed for summer vacation. This program is directed at children from needy areas.	Students who are eligible for the National School Lunch and School Breakfast programs will also qualify for this program. No individual income requirements for participation exist. Eligibility for benefits is tied to the location and type of sponsor operating the program.	Federal funds are made available to states for the full cost of obtaining, preparing, and serving food to eligible children. In fiscal year 1982, 67 million meals were served.

NEEDS-BASED HOUSING PROGRAMS

(32) FARM LABOR HOUSING LOANS AND GRANTS

Federal Agency: Department of Agriculture
Authorization: Housing Act, 1949
Regulations: 7 CFR 1944

Program Administration: Federal
Federal Funding: 100%
CFDA Number: 10.405

Program Purpose	Who Is Eligible To Apply	Benefits
To provide decent, safe, and sanitary low-rent housing and related facilities for domestic farm laborers.	Farmers who operate a farm large enough to require farm labor are eligible to apply. Eligible for loans and grants are individual farm owners, associations of farm workers, state or political subdivisions, broadbased public or private nonprofit organizations, or nonprofit organizations of farm workers.	Low-interest loans are available to assure that rents will be low enough to be within reach of farmworkers. Where there is a strong possibility that such housing will not be built without extra aid, grants are available. In fiscal year 1983, loans averaged $20,500 and grants $7,600.

(33) INDIAN HOUSING ASSISTANCE

Federal Agency: Department of the Interior
Authorization: Snyder Act, 1921
Regulations: 25 CFR 256

Program Administration: Other
Federal Funding: 100%
CFDA Number: 15.141

Program Purpose	Who Is Eligible To Apply	Benefits
To use the Indian Housing Improvement Program and the Bureau Of Indian Affairs' resources to substantially eliminate substandard Indian housing. This program essentially provides assistance to those Indian families with the greatest need that do not qualify for other housing programs.	Indians who are in need of financial assistance who meet the eligibility requirements of the Housing Improvement program regulations may be eligible. Priority is given to families living in inadequate or substandard housing and unable to obtain help from other sources.	Grants are available to eligible Indians to repair substandard housing. Grants averaged $5,400 each in fiscal year 1983. In some cases, an entire house may be built in situations where no other program will meet the need. In fiscal year 1983, 3,881 homes were repaired and 581 new homes built.

(34) INTEREST REDUCTION PAYMENTS

Federal Agency: Department of Housing and Urban Development
Authorization: National Housing Act, 1968
Regulations: 24 CFR 236

Program Administration: State
Federal Funding: 100%
CFDA Number: 14.103

Program Purpose	Who Is Eligible To Apply	Benefits
To provide good quality rental and cooperative housing for persons of low and moderate income by providing interest reduction payments in order to lower housing costs.	Families or individuals, including the elderly and handicapped, or those displaced by government action or natural disaster are eligible to apply. To receive a subsidy, an individual's income must, at the time of application, fall within certain income limits. Families with higher incomes may occupy apartments but may not benefit from subsidy payments.	Housing subsidies are available to eligible individuals. In some cases, additional help is provided to help lower rental payments. Benefits averaged $1,240 per dwelling unit in fiscal year 1983.

(35) LOWER INCOME HOUSING ASSISTANCE (SECTION 8)

Federal Agency: Department of Housing and Urban Development
Authorization: Housing Act, 1937
Regulations: 24 CFR 800 et seq.
Program Administration: Federal/Private
Federal Funding: 100%
CFDA Number: 14.156

Program Purpose	Who Is Eligible To Apply	Benefits
To aid lower income families in obtaining decent, safe, and sanitary housing in private accommodations and to promote economically mixed existing, newly constructed, and substantially and moderately rehabilitated housing.	To be eligible for Section 8 housing subsidies, families and single persons must have incomes below 80 percent of the area median, classified as "lower income" households. A housing agency, however, may make available only a small share of its units to those with an income at or above 50 percent of the area median and to single persons who are not aged, disabled, or handicapped.	The federal government pays the difference between the contract rent and the rent paid by the tenant (usually 30% of adjusted family income). Federal expenditures per unit in fiscal year 1983 averaged about $2,900.

(36) LOW INCOME HOUSING - HOME OWNERSHIP ASSISTANCE

Federal Agency: Department of Housing and Urban Development
Authorization: Housing Act, 1937
Regulations: 24 CFR 235
Program Administration: State
Federal Funding: 100%
CFDA Number: 14.147

Program Purpose	Who Is Eligible To Apply	Benefits
To make homeownership more readily available to lower income families by providing interest reduction payments on a monthly basis to lenders on behalf of lower income families.	Families and singles who are elderly (at least 62 years old) may be eligible if they were displaced by governmental action, natural disaster, or handicap. In addition, eligible individuals must not have adjusted annual incomes exceeding 95 percent of the median family income for the area.	Federal subsidies are available to low-income families to reduce interest costs on their insured market rate home mortgage. Benefits averaged $1,224 per dwelling unit in fiscal year 1983.

(37) LOW RENT PUBLIC HOUSING

Federal Agency: Department of Housing and Urban Development
Authorization: U.S. Housing Act, 1937
Regulations: 24 CFR 791, 799
Program Administration: State
Federal Funding: 100%
CFDA Number: Not listed

Program Purpose	Who Is Eligible To Apply	Benefits
To provide decent, safe, and sanitary housing and related facilities for low-income families and single persons.	Eligibility is based on income and family size compared to guidelines in the Federal Register. Eligible families include single persons who are at least 62 years old and younger singles who are either disabled, handicapped, displaced by governmental action, or a remaining member of a tenant family.	The federal government makes annual payments to local authorities to assure the low-rent character of projects by maintaining adequate operating and maintenance service and reserve funds. In addition, these payments provide debt service payments. Public housing outlays, including operating subsidies, averaged about $2,600 per unit in fiscal year 1983.

(38) RENT SUPPLEMENTS

Federal Agency: Department of Housing and Urban Development
Authorization: Housing and Urban Development Act, 1965
Regulations: 24 CFR 215
Program Administration: State
Federal Funding: 100%
CFDA Number: 14.149

Program Purpose	Who Is Eligible To Apply	Benefits
To make good quality housing available to low income families at a cost they can afford. The Department of Housing and Urban Development is authorized to make periodic subsidy payments to owners of private housing rented to poor families.	Families must be within income limits prescribed for admission to section 8 housing in order to qualify for benefits under this program.	Periodic subsidy payments are made to owners of private housing rented to eligible individuals. Benefits averaged about $2,500 in fiscal year 1983.

(39) RURAL HOUSING LOANS

Federal Agency: Department of Agriculture
Authorization: Housing Act, 1949, Title V
Regulations: 7 CFR 1944

Program Administration: Federal
Federal Funding: 100%
CFDA Number: 10.410

Program Purpose

To assist low-income rural families obtain decent, safe, and sanitary dwellings and related facilities by building, rehabilitating, improving, or relocating a dwelling. In addition, this program provides related facilities for a farm owner to provide housing to be occupied by the farm manager, tenants, sharecroppers, or farm laborers.

Who Is Eligible To Apply

The law permits loans for owners or potential owners of a farm, or owners of a home or nonfarm tract in a rural area, who are without decent, safe, and sanitary housing and unable to obtain credit elsewhere on reasonable terms.

Benefits

Loans are available to be used for construction, repair, or purchase of housing. The law restricts loans to the size "necessary to provide adequate housing, modest in size, design, and cost." In fiscal year 1983, loans averaged close to $43,000.

(40) RURAL HOUSING REPAIR LOANS AND GRANTS

Federal Agency: Department of Agriculture
Authorization: Housing Act, 1949, Title V
Regulations: 7 CFR 1904, 1944

Program Administration: Federal
Federal Funding: 100%
CFDA Number: 10.417

Program Purpose

To give very low-income rural homeowners an opportunity to make essential repairs to their homes to make them safe and remove health hazards to the family and/or community.

Who Is Eligible To Apply

Loans at low interest rates are available for "very low-income" owners of a farm or rural home who cannot obtain reasonable terms elsewhere. Their income must be insufficient to qualify for a Section 502 loan, but adequate to repay a Section 504 loan as determined by the Farmers Home Administration.

Grants are made, with or without loans, to low-income elderly homeowners, aged 62 or older. To be eligible for a grant only, an elderly homeowner must have an annual income so low that he cannot repay any part of the loan.

Benefits

Loans are available that bear an interest rate of 1 percent and can be repaid over a period of up to 20 years. Maximum loan assistance to any eligible individual is $7,500. The maximum grant assistance is $5,000. A loan/grant combination must not exceed $7,500. In fiscal year 1983, aid averaged $4,055 per dwelling unit.

(41) RURAL HOUSING SELF-HELP TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Federal Agency: Department of Agriculture
Authorization: Housing Act, 1949
Regulations: 7 CFR 1933

Program Administration: Federal
Federal Funding: 100%
CFDA Number: 10.420

Program Purpose	Who Is Eligible To Apply	Benefits
To provide financial support for the promotion of a program of technical and supervisory assistance which will aid needy low-income individuals and their families carrying out mutual self-help efforts in rural areas.	Beneficiaries must be low-income rural families who agree to build their houses by the mutual self-help method. Applicants must demonstrate that technical assistance will result in a net savings per household of at least $500.	Technical assistance grants provide supervisory assistance to help eligible families. An initial Technical Assistance grant to states, political subdivisions, or nonprofit corporations will usually be no more than $200,000.

(42) RURAL HOUSING SITE LOANS

Federal Agency: Department of Agriculture
Authorization: Housing Act, 1949
Regulations: 7 CFR 1944, 1822

Program Administration: Federal
Federal Funding: 100%
CFDA Number: 10.411

Program Purpose	Who Is Eligible To Apply	Benefits
To assist public or private nonprofit organizations in acquiring and developing land in rural areas to be subdivided as adequate building sites and sold on a nonprofit basis to eligible families.	Sites developed with Section 524 loans must be for housing low and moderate income families and may be sold to families, nonprofit organizations, public agencies and cooperatives eligible for assistance under any section of Title V of the Housing Act of 1949, or under any other law which provides financial assistance.	Loans are available to eligible organizations or agencies. A loan limitation of $200,000 exists and repayment is expected within 2 years. Other restrictions also exist.

(43) RURAL RENTAL ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS

Federal Agency: Department of Agriculture
Authorization: Housing Act, 1949
Regulations: 7 CFR 1944, 1822

Program Administration: Federal
Federal Funding: 100%
CFDA Number: 10.427

Program Purpose	Who Is Eligible To Apply	Benefits
To reduce rents paid by low-income families occupying eligible Rural Rental Housing, Rural Cooperative Housing, or Farm Labor Housing projects financed by the Farmers Home Administration through its section 514, 515, or 516 loans and grants.	Any low-income, handicapped, or senior citizen who is unable to pay the approved rental rate for an eligible Farmers Home Administration rental assistance unit may be eligible. Income may not exceed the limit established for the state as indicated by Farmers Home Administration standards.	Rental assistance is used to reduce the rents paid by individuals whose rents exceed 25 percent of adjusted annual income.

(44) RURAL RENTAL HOUSING LOANS

Federal Agency: Department of Agriculture
Authorization: Housing Act, 1949
Regulations: 7 CFR 1944, 1822

Program Administration: Federal
Federal Funding: 100%
CFDA Number: 10.415

Program Purpose	Who Is Eligible To Apply	Benefits
To provide economically designed and constructed rental and cooperative housing and related facilities suited for independent living for rural residents.	Occupants of rental units must be low to moderate income families, senior citizens, or handicapped persons. The law defines very low income as below 50 percent of the median income and requires area and family size adjustments.	Loans to nonprofit sponsors and state/local public agencies are available to be used to construct, purchase, improve, or repair cooperative housing. In fiscal year 1983, loans averaged about $33,200

NEEDS-BASED MEDICAL PROGRAMS

(45) COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS

Federal Agency: Department of Health and Human Services
Authorization: Public Health Service Act
Regulations: 42 CFR 51c

Program Administrations: State
Federal Funding: 100% [1]
CFDA Number: 13.224

Program Purpose	Who Is Eligible To Apply	Benefits
To support the development and operation of community health centers which provide primary health services, supplementary health services and environmental health services to medically underserved populations.	The law makes eligible for services all residents of an area served by a community health center, but regulations limit free service to families below a certain income.	The centers provide a range of primary health services on an ambulatory basis, including diagnostic, treatment, preventive, emergency, dental services, and, under certain circumstances, hospital and other supplemental services. Financial assistance to health centers averaged $1.2 million in fiscal year 1983.

[1] States that choose not to receive Primary Care Block Grant funds may receive 100-percent funding for this program.

(46) INDIAN HEALTH SERVICES - GENERAL

Federal Agency: Department of Health and Human Services
Authorization: Indian Self-Determination Educational Assistance Act
Regulations: 42 CFR 36

Program Administration: Other
Federal Funding: 100%
CFDA Number: 13.228

Program Purpose	Who Is Eligible To Apply	Benefits
To raise to the highest possible level the health of the American Indian and the Alaskan Natives by providing a full range of curative, preventative, and rehabilitative health services. This program also builds the capability of the Indian and Alaskan Native to manage their own health programs.	Generally, individuals who are members of an eligible tribe, band, group, or village are eligible if they are regarded as within the scope of the Indian Health and Medical Services program. Individuals must furthermore be regarded as an Indian in the community in which he/she lives as evidenced by such factors as tribal membership, enrollment, and active participation in tribal affairs.	Grants are used to provide hospital, medical, and dental care. Also included are outpatient services, the services of mobile clinics and public health nurses, and preventive care. All services are provided free of charge to beneficiaries. The average of financial assistance in fiscal year 1983 was $80,000.

(47) MEDICAID

Federal Agency: Department of Health and Human Services
Authorization: Social Security Act, Title XIX
Regulations: 42 CFR 430 et seq.

Program Administration: State
Federal Funding: 50% - 83%
CFDA Number: 13.714

Program Purpose	Who is Eligible to Apply	Benefits
To provide financial assistance to states for payments of medical assistance on behalf of cash recipients and, in certain states, on behalf of other medically needy who, except for income and resources, would be eligible to receive cash assistance.	Eligible individuals include needy persons over 65, the blind and disabled, members from families with dependent children, and, in some states, persons under 21 years of age. Eligibility is determined by each state in accordance with federal regulations.	Medical assistance includes: inpatient and outpatient hospital services, laboratory and X-ray services, skilled nursing facility services, intermediate care facility services, and home health services. Estimated financial assistance to clients in fiscal year 1982 averaged $1,343.

(48) MEDICAL ASSISTANCE TO REFUGEES

Federal Agency: Department of Health and Human Services
Authorization: Immigration and Nationality Act
Regulations: 45 CFR 400-401

Program Administration: State
Federal Funding: 100%
CFDA Number: 13.987

Program Purpose	Who Is Eligible To Apply	Benefits
To assist states and localities in meeting the public health needs of their refugee population by providing general health assessments of refugees when necessary and by addressing refugee health problems of public concern.	Refugees or entrants in order to be eligible must meet the income and asset tests prescribed by the state of residence for Medicaid eligibility. Refugees are not eligible if they are ineligible for Medicaid benefits.	Medical benefits consist of payments made on behalf of needy refugees to doctors, hospitals, and pharmacists. The average state grant in fiscal year 1983 was $79,000.

(49) MIGRANT HEALTH CENTERS GRANTS

Federal Agency: Department of Health and Human Services
Authorization: Public Health Service Act
Regulations: 42 CFR 56

Program Administration: State
Federal Funding: 100%
CFDA Number: 13.246

Program Purpose	Who Is Eligible To Apply	Benefits
To support the development and operation of migrant health centers and projects which provide primary ambulatory and inpatient health services, supplemental health services, and environmental health services to migrant and seasonal agricultural farm workers.	Any one who qualifies as a migrant farm worker or is a member of their family is eligible. A migrant farm worker is one whose principal employment is in agriculture on a seasonal basis, who has been so employed within the last 2 years and who established a temporary home to do so. A seasonal farm worker is one whose principal employment is in agriculture on a seasonal basis but who is not a migrant.	The centers provide primary health care services free or at a nominal fee to individuals. Such services include: diagnostic, therapeutic preventive, and emergency services. The average grant to public and private entities providing medical care in fiscal year 1983 was $250,000.

(50) INDIAN CHILD WELFARE - TITLE II GRANTS

Federal Agency: Department of the Interior
Authorization: The Indian Child Welfare Act, 1978
Regulations: 25 CFR 23

Program Administration: Other
Federal Funding: 100%
CFDA Number: 15.144

Program Purpose	Who Is Eligible To Apply	Benefits
To promote the stability of Indian tribes and families by the establishment of minimal federal standards for the removal of Indian children from their families and the placement of such children in adoptive or foster homes and to provide assistance to Indian tribes in the operation of child and family service programs.	The governing body of any tribe or tribes, or any Indian organization, including multi-service centers, may apply individually or in consortium for a grant.	Federal funds are allocated to Indian organizations to promote the stability and security of tribes. Grants are usually awarded for a 12-month period and range from about $25,000 and upward depending upon the number of clients to be served.

(51) INDIAN SOCIAL SERVICES - CHILD WELFARE ASSISTANCE

Federal Agency: Department of the Interior
Authorization: Snyder Act, 1921
Regulations: 25 CFR 20-22

Program Administration: Other
Federal Funding: 100%
CFDA Number: 15.103

Program Purpose	Who Is Eligible To Apply	Benefits
To provide foster home care and appropriate institutional care for dependent, neglected, and handicapped Indian children residing on or near reservations when these services are not available from state and local public agencies.	Dependent, neglected, and handicapped Indian children whose families live on or near Indian reservations, or in jurisdictions under the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Alaska and Oklahoma.	Federal funds are used to pay for foster care, institutional care, or special needs relating to care and maintenance. Grants ranged from $800 to $5,500 in 1983, with the average grant being $3,000.

(52) LEGAL SERVICES

Federal Agency: Legal Services Corporation
Authorization: Legal Services Corporation Act, 1974
Regulations: 45 CFR 1600 et seq.

Program Administration: State
Federal Funding: 100%
CFDA Number: Not listed

Program Purpose	Who Is Eligible To Apply	Benefits
To provide financial support for legal assistance in proceedings or matters of a noncriminal nature and most civil cases that are not generating in nature to persons financially unable to afford legal assistance.	Eligibility is based on income and family size adjusted for cost-of-living differences for urban and rural areas. The law makes eligible any person financially unable to afford legal assistance and says the corporation should take into account not only income, but liquid assets, fixed debts, cost-of-living, and other factors in determining an individual's capacity to pay for a lawyer.	Benefits are in the form of legal aid in non-criminal proceedings. Most cases concern these areas of law: family, employment, consumer, housing, civil rights, and public benefit programs, such as Social Security, Aid to Families with Dependent Children, and so forth.

(53) SOCIAL SERVICES FOR REFUGEES

Federal Agency: Department of Health and Human Services
Authorization: Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended
Regulations: 45 CFR 400, 401
Program Administration: State
Federal Funding: 100%
CFDA Number: Not listed

Program Purpose	Who Is Eligible To Apply	Benefits
To reimburse states for providing social services to aid entrants in attaining self-sufficiency.	Generally available to needy refugees residing in the state or locality who meet specified income and resource requirements. Some services are not available to refugees after the conclusion of the 18-month period following their initial entry into the United States.	Services, such as vocational training, employment services, translation and interpreter services, and general social services.

(54) SPECIAL PROGRAMS FOR THE AGING - GRANTS TO INDIAN TRIBES

Federal Agency: Department of Health and Human Services
Authorization: Older American Act, 1965
Regulations: 45 CFR 1328
Program Administration: Other
Federal Funding: Up to 100%
CFDA Number: 13.655

Program Purpose	Who Is Eligible To Apply	Benefits
To promote the delivery of services to older Indians.	Older Indians ages 60 and over and, in the case of nutritional services, their spouses are also eligible. The Indians should be organized in groups of 75 or more.	Funds are available through grants to eligible Indian tribal organizations to promote the delivery of the following services: water, road clearing, nutrition, or in leasing and staffing an Indian Senior Center.

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